



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Jean-Louis GUERET

Group Art Unit: 3732

Application No.: 10/779,725

Examiner: R. RUNNING

Filed: February 18, 2004

Docket No.: 118556

For: A PACKAGING AND APPLICATOR DEVICE FOR A COSMETIC OR ANOTHER CARE PRODUCT

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Further to Applicant's March 7, 2007 Amendment, Applicant has obtained and encloses an English-language translation of DE29614364U1 to Stange.

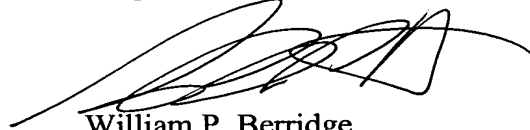
As pointed out in Applicant's March 7 remarks, Stange's base is not "configured for" fixing onto a receptacle as recited in claims 1-32, 35 and 36. Instead, Stange is directed to a standalone brush with a base that is not intended to be fixed.

As also pointed out in Applicant's March 7 remarks, with respect to method claims 37-41, the Office Action fails to make a prima facie case of anticipation because it fails to identify a teaching of the method step of modifying a direction of the base between two different application modes. Instead, as clearly indicated in the English-language translation, Stange provides only a single application mode, and uses the angular configuration so as to enable drying of the brush without soap or water remaining trapped within the bristles. This drying usage is not a use for applying shaving cream. Thus, only a single application mode is taught.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-32 and 34-42 are thus earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:
English-language Translation of DE29614364U1

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